

GIFT OF FRENCH PRESIDENT
TO K. C. LOST IN TRANSIT

New York, Jan. 7.—A great Sevres vase, valued at \$5,000 which was presented to the Knights of Columbus by President Millerand, of France, disappeared in transit from Paris and the police of two continents have been asked to assist in tracing it, it was announced at national headquarters of the knights here yesterday.

The vase was presented at the farewell banquet tendered to the Knights of Columbus Lafayette-Metz pilgrims at the D'Orsay palace in Paris last September. It was carefully packed and shipped to Havre to be placed on the Steamship Lafayette on which the pilgrims were to return to the United States.

There the trail ends. The French line records at Havre show no sign of receipt of the valuable package there. James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, supreme knight, has cabled the knight's European commissioner, Edward L. Hearn, asking him to have the French police search for the vase. Efforts are also under way here to discover whether the vase could have arrived in this country.

The vase is five feet in height and about three feet in diameter. It is inlaid with an elaborate mosaic design and has been pronounced by French ceramists to be the best Sevres specimen produced since the war.

TWO DIE AS BLAST
DESTROYS HOME

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 7.—Two persons are dead and two others are injured one probably fatally, as a result of a mysterious explosion which destroyed the home of J. S. Sheffer, nationally known fancy stock raiser at Auburn, Ind., 20 miles north of Fort Wayne, at 4 o'clock yesterday evening.

The dead: Elmer Sheffer, 21 and Ellen Sheffer, 12, son and daughter of Mr. Sheffer.

Mrs. Sheffer is believed to be in a dying condition, suffering from internal injuries. The extent of Mr. Sheffer's injuries has not yet been determined.

The explosion occurred while the family was grouped about the table after supper. The blast shattered windows for several blocks and was heard several miles away.

Mr. Sheffer declared he had no enemies and scouted the idea that a bomb had been planted under the house. An investigation of the explosion by the local gas company is said to have shown that their mains were intact and could not have caused the blast. Authorities are at a loss to account for the explosion.

DRASTIC BLUE SUNDAY LAW

Act in Tennessee Legislature Would Halt All Trains

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—The first and most drastic of the so-called blue laws as introduced by request in the Tennessee senate yesterday.

The proposed legislation would prohibit the playing of Sunday baseball and other sports, operation of all passenger and freight trains, publication of newspapers, operation of all stores, all buying and selling except in instances where charity or necessity demanded it.

The bill took the regular course and was received without any comment by the senate.

THIEVES CRACK LYNCHBURG
CHURCH SAFE, GET NOTHING

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 7.—A large "burial" proof safe at St. Paul's Episcopal Church was cracked some time Tuesday night, but the thieves left the small amount of money found in it. The dial was broken off and the combination worked with a new screwdriver. Either the thief was expecting a big haul or was looking for wine and in either case disappointment followed. An envelope containing about \$5 in coin was opened, but the money was not taken. Old records of the parish were opened and thrown on the floor, but were not injured.

Boudoir of Pearl and Gold

Boston, Jan. 7.—A boudoir at police headquarters, a suite of rooms finished in pearl gray and gold, with expensive mirrors, soft lounges and easy chairs was begun yesterday. This restful spot in the grim block of buildings that constituted the police administration center in Pemberton square is the department's preparation for the advent of women to its ranks.

Policewomen were authorized recently and examinations have been held and it is expected to have the boudoir ready by the time appointments are announced.

State and Labor Heads

In Controversy as Cork

Mayor is Given Freedom

Washington, Jan. 7.—Conflict between the Departments of State and

Labor was foreshadowed yesterday over final decision as to the admission of Donald J. O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, who was apprehended by immigration authorities upon his arrival at Newport News from Ireland as a stowaway without a passport.

Action of Secretary Wilson yesterday in paroling O'Callaghan upon his own recognizance, it was indicated, had been taken without consultation with the State Department, as the first knowledge of it was obtained by Acting Secretary Davis of that department from newspaper men.

Even should O'Callaghan now be deported it was held at the State Department that there would be nothing to prevent his coming to Washington and accomplishing his announced mission to the United States of testimony before the Commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating Irish conditions.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, it is understood, has virtually decided to sustain the appeal of O'Callaghan to the Department of Labor from the decision of the board of inquiry at Newport News excluding the Lord Mayor.

500 MORE QUIT PULLMAN

Construction Workers Refuse to Take Wage Cut of Approximately 50 Per Cent

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Five hundred employees in the construction department of the Pullman Company refused to accept a wage cut of approximately 50 per cent, yesterday and walked off the job. Their action followed that of approximately 500 other employees who had quit because of drastic reductions in wages.

The company employs about 10,000 men in its shops at Pullman, Ill.

Officials of the company and a delegation of the workers have arranged a conference to attempt a settlement.

Trimmers, upholsterers, painters and others, who have been drawing \$30 a week have been cut, some to as low as \$14, according to the workers' interpretation of the piece work schedule. Unskilled labor previously drawing 80 cents an hour now receive 45 cents.

Pullman employees deny that they asked for the reduction or that they are satisfied.

"Reports given out by the company that employees of the Pullman Company voluntarily agreed to reductions in wages are false," union officials said.

Evidence Gathered Several Weeks Ago

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 7.—Hugo Kaiser, a saloonkeeper, was arrested by Federal officers yesterday on a charge of having violated the Volstead act following a raid upon his place several weeks ago when a large quantity of liquor, it was alleged was found. About a score of other prominent cafes and saloons were raided at the time and liquor seized, but this is the first arrest in connection with these raids.

The prohibition enforcement agents said yesterday that the proprietors of other places where liquor was discovered will be prosecuted. Kaiser was released under \$1000 bail for his appearance before the Federal Grand Jury.

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THIEF CHASE ON ENGINE

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Five policemen commandeered a wheel switch engine today and for five miles chased a Chicago Northwestern fast freight train aboard which a band of robbers was looting box cars.

For five miles the switch engine roared and groaned in the wake of the freight train and then, with a burst of speed, brought its blue-coated crew so close to the train that the outlaws were forced to leap from the cars to escape capture.

Merchandise valued at \$1,000 was recovered along the right of way and cargoes valued at many thousands were saved.

The bandits looking up from their car saw the policemen with drawn revolvers. The thieves had a start that enabled them to escape.

DEBS' RELEASE NEAR

PALMER INTIMATES

New York, Jan. 7.—The release of Eugene Debs and other political prisoners is promised by Attorney General Palmer in a letter received by John Sullivan, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council. Sullivan stated today.

He said Mr. Palmer declared in his letter that the Socialist leader and others would be released as soon as the Attorney General has fulfilled

"certain technical requirements."

Attorney General Palmer will take up the case of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, within a few days, with a view to making recommendations as to appeals for a pardon for Debs, the Department of Justice announced yesterday.

The Attorney General's office denied that the Attorney General had written a letter to Sullivan promising the release of Debs. It was stated that he has written Sullivan stating that the case of Debs would be reconsidered.

BARS WOMEN FROM JURY
SERVICE IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Jan. 7.—Women are barred from serving on juries in Baltimore. This was the decision arrived at by the supreme bench, Chief Judge Soper announced this conclusion after a lengthy session of the full bench. Unless the statute laws of the State, which limit jury service to men, are changed by legislative act, jurors for the various courts will be selected as heretofore.

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